

Amendments to the Disclosure

None at this time.

Amendments to the Figures

None at this time.

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

2. (twice amended) The [A] stent as set forth in claim 13 wherein the coating has an irregular [is irregular in respect of its] thickness.
4. (twice amended) The [A] stent as set forth in claim 3 wherein the coating is interrupted in a patterned configuration [grid-like pattern].
8. (twice amended) The [A] stent as set forth in claim 5 wherein the coating islands in regions involving a greater degree of local stretching of the stent surface upon stretching of the stent are arranged at a greater [mutual] spacing than in regions involving a lesser degree of local stretching of the stent surface.
10. (twice amended) The [A] stent as set forth in claim 9 wherein the [mutual] spacings of the coating islands [(18)] are substantially the same everywhere.
13. (amended) A stent having a surface with a coating, wherein [characterised in that] the coating is irregularly formed [irregularly] on the stent surface.
17. (new) A stent having a surface with an irregular coating formed thereon, wherein the irregular coating comprises coating islands, wherein the coating islands are substantially round, and

wherein the coating islands are arranged at a greater spacing in regions involving a greater degree of local stretching of the stent surface upon stretching of the stent than in regions involving a lesser degree of local stretching of the stent surface.

18. (new) A stent having a surface with an irregular coating formed thereon,
wherein the irregular coating comprises coating islands,
wherein the coating islands are substantially round, and
wherein the coating islands are smaller in regions involving a greater degree of local stretching of the stent surface upon stretching of the stent than in regions involving a lesser degree of local stretching of the stent surface.